

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 2, and 7 have been allowed. Claim 7 has been amended to depend from Claim 1, since Claim 5 was cancelled. No new matter has been introduced. Claim 1 as shown above incorporates the changes made by Examiner's Amendment. Favorable consideration of this amendment is now respectfully requested.

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

The Applicants respectfully request formal acknowledgement that the information disclosure statement filed November 7, 2005 has been considered. A copy of this IDS was resubmitted by fax on January 17, 2006. However, a courtesy copy of Form 1449 from this IDS is appended to this Amendment for the convenience of the Examiner.

CONCLUSION

The Applicants respectfully request formal acknowledgement of the IDS filed November 7, 2005 and entry of the amendment to Claim 7 above prior to issuance of this allowed application as a patent.

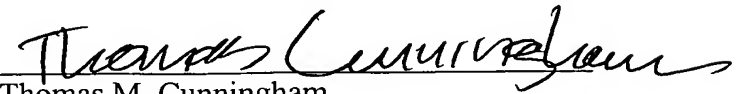
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